

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Twenty-second Middlesex Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.*

### **Residents of Twenty-second Middlesex Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (696) of these admissions reside in the Twenty-second Middlesex Representative District.<sup>1</sup> **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Twenty-second Middlesex Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 87% were male and 13% were female.
- 64% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 87% were white non-Latino, 4% were black non-Latino, 7% were Latino, 2% were Asian and other racial categories.
- 62% were never married, 16% were married, and 22% reported not to be married now.
- 28% had less than high school education, 53% completed high school, and 19% had more than high school education.
- 23% were employed.
- 3% were homeless.
- 20% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Twenty-second Middlesex Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	44%	35%	6%	6%	2%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

<sup>1</sup> To protect client confidentiality, statistics representing clients under 17 years of age have been omitted from this fact sheet.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003</b> <b>Twenty-second Middlesex Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	514	419	166	180	95	117	73
<b>FY '96</b>	824	647	316	299	227	194	118
<b>FY '97</b>	621	487	224	197	119	163	111
<b>FY '98</b>	610	452	224	177	92	160	121
<b>FY '99</b>	607	446	237	205	117	180	139
<b>FY '00</b>	594	434	224	196	105	190	141
<b>FY '01</b>	623	441	231	192	88	212	170
<b>FY '02</b>	689	466	216	199	92	258	194
<b>FY'03</b>	696	443	175	181	88	263	206